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Keep those Articles

Coming In....

THANKS Members!!!

This is Your Journal!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Sat. December 1–11am – 1pm

Md Tams Meeting

Suburban Washington/Baltimore Coin Show

Baltimore Convention Center

BANC SHOW

Sunday 11 November 9am – 4 pm.

Cromwell Bridge Holiday Inn

(We need volunteers as we are a sponsoring club)

***** PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE *****

With the events of 11 September 2001 still fresh in everyone's mind, the President's Preamble and our collecting hobbies for that matter seem so insignificant. We were all impacted by the tragic events of that day and life in these United States will be changed forever. Hopefully none of our members were too directly impacted by what happened. Since life, although changed, does go on; so will our hobby, Maryland TAMS, and this Journal. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who perished and their families. May they always be remembered.

Our 15 September meeting at the Captain Salem Avery House in Shady Side was a success. Thanks so much to the officers, especially, VP Mil Hajek who covered for me in my absence. Thanks to Wally Stone for finding this location and special thanks to Mrs. June Hall for being our host. I just received a nice note from her thanking us for our donation and the copy of the Maryland Merchant Token book. Sorry I could not attend, a work trip prevented same. The crisis then prevented me getting home for another five days.

There is no new reference document in this issue of the MD TAMS Journal and this is my fault. I am working on a reference on Food Stamp Change Tokens from Maryland and am still working on same. I hope to have it ready for the next Journal. I also have received no other reference documents from the membership so this may be the last one for a while. We need more volunteers to work on a reference.

Several reminders are in order. First, the next BANC Coin Show at the Cromwell Bridge Holiday Inn is Sunday 11 November 2001 (9AM-4PM). We need to have volunteers to help with registration. I hope to see a lot of folks there. MD TAMS, as one of the BANC sponsor clubs directly benefits from the success of these three shows each year. There will be no MD TAMS meeting in conjunction with this show. The next regular MD TAMS meeting is Saturday 1 December 2001 (11AM-1PM) at the Suburban Washington/Baltimore Coin Show at the Baltimore Convention Center. Please bring show & tell items and items for our auction. Finally, I want to remind everyone that we now have the complete 13 Original Colony Encased Quarter sets available at \$40 in person or \$45 post paid. We also have the two quarter Maryland P & D sets available for \$6 (in person)/\$8 (post paid). We still have copies of Joe Burford's Maryland Elongated Book for \$10 (\$13 post paid). Suggest you get these items before the general collecting public, since we are beginning to advertise hobby-wide.



Ed Craig
President, MD TAMS

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

I-Meeting called to order at 11:03am by Predident E.CRAIG WITH 25 members and 1 guest in attendance (attendance sheet is attached).

II-Minutes of previous meeting (03-17-01) read by Secretary (J.BOSWELL). Said minutes accepted as read.

III-Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer (R.RUBY). Said report to stand unless/until audited.

NOTE:After the Treasurer's Report was read (part of which was the Life Membership Operating Fund), a motion (by R.SEARS, 2nd by J.BURFORD) was made to call this Fund the Life Member Endowment Fund. Motion failed.

IV-Committee Reports:

a-Journal (Editor (W.MUMFORD) absent):E.CRAIG reported that we are again in need for articles for our Journal.

b-2003 ANA:J.BOSWELL reported that we had not received a reply to our letter to the TAMS Secretary.

c-Literary Awards (via E.CRAIG):1st Place:M.HAJEK (for his "In The Days of Yore" from Issue 83) and the Runners Up were:R.BURTON (for his "Isaac Solomon ..." (from Issue 83) and R.SEARS (for his "A Baltimore Fire Pass" (from Issue 85)).

NOTE:All three of these gentlemen received a Certificate and a 1 oz. Silver Round that resembled the MD Statehood Quarter.

d-Membership (via E.CRAIG):This year's award (a Certificate & a 1 oz Silver Round resembling the MD Statehood Quarter) for recruiting the most new members goes to J.BOSWELL.

e-References (via E.CRAIG):We need more people to be working on them and the next one is scheduled to be on Encased Coins (by M.HAJEK).

f-Election (via W.AYERS):The candidates for this year are:President: E.CRAIG, V.P.:M.HAJEK, Secretary:J.BOSWELL, Treasurer:R.RUBY,Directors: J.BURFORD & F.PUGLIESE. Motion by W.LENZ, 2nd by W.AYRES that nominations be closed and the candiates for the respective offices be elected. Passed without opposition.

V-Old Business:None.

VI-New Business:

a-Special recognition for J.BURFORD for his reference on MD Elongateds (a well deserved round of applause was given to him). Motion by W. AYERS, 2nd by W.LENZ that we send a copy of the MD Elongateds book to TEC & ANA and that a copy of it to our Library. Passed without opposition.

VII-Announcements:

a-E.CRAIG:Another MD Token book would be raffled off today @ \$1 per ticket (27 tickets sold, winner was E.CRAIG).

b-E.CRAIG:This year's "give-aways" were enongated cents made for D. CURTIS, BANC and MD TAMS' MD Men In Space plus MD TAMS' elongated Quearters.

NOTE:M.HAJEK also spoke on the elongateds he had available for sale.

c-Door Prize winners were:L.WHITE, R.SEARS, A.ABADIO, J.SEARS and L.CICERO.

d-T.KOTCHE:He had tried to access our "web-site" but wasn't able to and he asked when it would be up-dated, etc. (R.RUBY advised he will work on our web-site ASAP which brought applause).

e-R.RUBY:The 2001 Hampstead Day medal was available (he donated an example of it which will be sent to our Cabinet's curator (D.BOHAASKA)).

f-E.CRAIG:He had been in contact with the Shadyside Hertiage Society regarding holding a meeting at the "Capt. AVERY" house. He asked for comments from the members in attendance regarding same. Motion

Minutes of MD TAMS' 06-16-01 meeting (cont.):

by W.LENZ, 2nd by R.RUBY that we hold a meeting (in September 2001 if possible) in Shadyside, MD . Motion passed.

f-E.CRAIG:Our next meeting (after the one in Shadyside) will be at the Fall Suburban Baltimore and Washington Coin Show (time, etc. TBA).

g-W.LENZ:Spoke on the tokens and medals in J.LEVINE's Auction at today's Show at the Baltimore Convention Center.

VIII-Show & Tell:

a-E.TURNES:Bethelhem Steel items.

b-E.CRAIG on a "video" game token.

c-R.KAMINSKI:Articles about W.MUMFORD'S book on A.A.County, MD "picker checks" & the recent "Picker Check Fair".

d-T.KOTCHE on misc. elongated coins from Las Vegas, NV, AK, a NOW (Numismatists of WI) overstruck Canadian \$1 and U.S. 2001 Proof Statehood Quarters.

e-J.BURFORD on article (from the MD Gazette) regarding picker checks, a elongated Indian Head cent & a Dr.Edward PLUMMER item.

IX-Break so attendees could view the auction lots, etc..

X-Auction conducted by R.SEARS who was assisted by E.CRAIG (the tabulators were J.BOSWELL & R.RUBY) which resulted in \$207.00 (\$26.50 Commission, & \$180.50 in donated lots) being added to our treasury.

NOTE:Twenty one copies of the MD Elongated book were sold at today's meeting and the proceeds of same (\$210.00) went into our treasury too).

:Copies of the MD Elongated book will be available for \$13 post paid thru out Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary

ATTENTION MD TAMS MEMBERS:

Our secretary now has a limited supply of "original" issues of our Journal and can make copies of most back issues if originals are not available. Originals/copies are available for sale at \$2.50 each (postpaid). Originals/copies of our recently published Reference Documents are also available for \$4.00 each (postpaid). For further information, send a SASE to him at our mailing address:
MD TAMS, P.O. Box 644, Gambrills, MD 21054-0644

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held 09-15-2001 at the Capt. Salem AVERY house in Shadyside, MD:

I-President CRAIG out of town, meeting was called to order by VP (M.HAJEK) at 1:10pm with 14 members and 2 guests in attendance (attendance sheet attached).

NOTES:1-A moment of silence was observed in honor of the victims of the 09-11-01 terrorist attacks in the U.S.A..

2-M.HAJEK introduced the "curator" of the Capt. AVERY house (Ms. J.HALL) who welcomed us and gave a short preview of what our tour of the Capt. AVERY house would include, etc. (see below).

II-Minutes of the previous meeting (06-16-01) read by Secretary (J.BOSWELL). Motion by B.DOXZON, 2nd by W.LENZ that said minutes be approved as read. Motion passed unanimously.

III-Treasurer's Report:Read by Treasurer (R.RUBY). Said report (copy of it is attached) to stand unless/until audited.

IV-Committee Reports:

a-2003 ANA:J.BOSWELL reported that we had received a reply to our letter to the TAMS Secretary and that that person had been advised that we will not be hosting a separate dinner for that Convention but, we would encourage our members to buy tickets to the TAMS banquet at it.

b-Encased Quarters:M.HAJEK reported that the second (and last) part of these items will be available at our December 2001 meeting (time, etc. for same is TBA).

c-References:M.HAJEK reported several additional ones were being worked on but, he has no time table for when the next one(s) would be published (he also said that more people should help with this & other projects).

d-Books:M.HAJEK said that in case those in attendance were not aware of it, we had published a book on MD Elongateds (by our own J.J.BURFORD). J.BOSWELL said he had several copies of the book in question with him and they were available for sale (he sold one copy (for \$10) and turned that amount over to our Treasurer).

V-Old Business:M.HAJEK said that more info on the elongateds/the elongateds themselves would be available at our next meeting.

VI-Announcements:

a-M.HAJEK thanked W.STONE for "arranging" today's meeting, J.BOSWELL for writing the directions to the Capt.AVERY house/Shadyside and everyone who attended today's meeting.

b-J.SHIPLEY said he had some paper "10¢ ride tickets" (from the Blue Mountain Railway, Braddock Heights, MD) with him that were available for sale.

c-B.BODT announced that he had "up-dated" his display on Hartford County, MD's canning industry at the Hartford County Historical Society and he encouraged everyone to visit the Historical Society whenever they could.

VII-Show & Tell:

a-B.BODT:A (one page) paper he had made that was entitled "HOW MANY? WHAT KIND? which was about the different value(s) of some canning tokens used in his family's canning operations (copy attached).

b-J.BOSWELL:A photocopy of an article in Coin World (07-30-01 Issue) that was about the articles that had appeared in the Summer 2001 Issue of our Journal (copy attached).

NOTE:D.BOHAASKA had received the wrong "Lierary Bucks" and he turned them in to the Secretary (who gave them to M.HAJEK to give to our President (E.CRAIG)).

VIII-Auction:Conducted by M.HAJEK (tabulators were J.BOSWELL & R.RUBY) which resulted in \$8.70 (including \$5 for a donated lot) being added to our treasury.

Minutes of the 09-15-01 MD TAMS meeting (continued):

- NOTES: 1-A copy of our book "Maryland Merchant tokens" by, D.E. SCHENKMAN was donated to the Shadyside Historical Society/Capt. Salem AVERY house.
2-Motion by W.AYRES, 2nd by W.LENZ that we donate \$25 to the Shadyside Historical Society/Capt. Salem AVERY house (for allowing us to hold a meeting there, etc.). Motion passed unanimously.
3-After our meeting, Ms. HALL gave us a very informative tour of the Capt.AVERY house and explained the use of many of its artifacts.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

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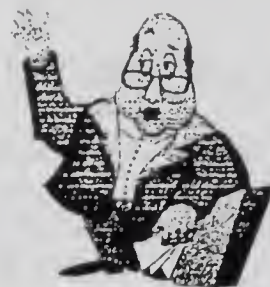
By James M. Boswell

MM#	NAME(S)/INITIAL(S)	ATTRIBUTION	ATTRIBUTION SOURCE
133--	HOBBS//5	Pottsville, PA	PA Tokens, p833
277--	THE ORIENT/L. MEEHAN (Saloon, WW I era)	Erie, PA	PA Tokens, p268
309--	CAPITOL LIBERTY GLOBE THEATRES	McKeesport, PA	PA Tokens, p530
329--	BUTCH'S/PLACE/DOVER	*Dover, PA	PA Tokens, p212
*MM#329 was previously attributed to Dover, OH (it is listed in the OH Token book (on page 287) but, <u>it is also</u> listed in the new PA Token book on the page indicated!)			
376--	ALBEMARLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ("25" listed)	York, PA	PA Tokens, p1165
415--	MORAN & WALSH CIGAR STORE (located at 11 S.Main St., circa 1930 ("5" listed))	Pittston, PA	PA Tokens, p801
496--	G.S.P.//(5 Point Star) (Perugian Club, an Italian Society)	Keystone, PA	PA Tokens, p427
497--	G.S.P.//same (Perugian Club, an Italian Society)	Keystone, PA	PA Tokens, p427
506--	L.A.R.L./20	Philadelphia, PA	PA Tokens, p702
507--	L K D	Philadelphia, PA	PA Tokens, p703
508--	L.R.C. (Lithuanian Republican Club)	Philadelphia, PA	PA Tokens, p704

MD TAMS Meeting

Elongated Coins Reign

By Millard W. Hajek LM#1



Elongated coins reigned at our MD TAMS meeting on Saturday, June 16th, 2001. Starting off the festivities, visitors to the MSNA's ARCE received a souvenir elongated when they registered. Collectors interested in obtaining a 4-coin elongated set rolled on a cent, nickel, dime and North Carolina quarter of the show elongated design can purchase a set for \$3 plus \$1 postage & handling by writing to SHOW ELONGATED at our club mail P.O. box which is listed elsewhere in this article. Collectors who attended the MSNA Educational seminar featuring Mint Director Jay Johnson and silver dollar specialist Al Johnbrier received 2 elongated coins rolled on a North Carolina and New York quarter. Outgoing president of MSNA, Don Curtis presented everyone in attendance a souvenir elongated rolled on a cent commemorating his term as president of MSNA.

The MD TAMS meeting "Annual Give-Away" featured an elongated design commemorating the Ravens Super Bowl Victory rolled on a Maryland state commemorative quarter and inserted in a card that outlined all of the Baltimore football championships. The information on the card was compiled by MD TAMS member **Joe Burford** who also donated the cards

for this 50-limited edition give-away. A 7-coin elongated set of this elongated with the Ravens Super Bowl victory design can be purchased for \$10 plus \$2 P & H. The set is rolled on 2 brass Ocean City tokens, 2 Ocean City aluminum tokens 1 Coca Cola token 1 Maryland state commemorative quarter and 1 Sacagawea dollar. A 5-coin elongated set including the 4 Ocean city tokens and Maryland state commemorative quarter is also available for \$5 plus \$2 P & H. If both sets are ordered only \$2 P & H is required.



The long awaited "Elongated Coins Of Maryland" authored by **Joe Burford** was offered for sale at the meeting for \$10. Members who did not attend the meeting can order a copy for \$10 plus \$3 postage & handling by writing to ELONGATED CATALOG at our club address MD TAMS, P.O. Box 644, Gambrills, MD 21054-0644. The 100 page catalog has card-stock soft cover and can be used as a reference as well as a check list for the elongated coins in your collection.

Additional elongated coins offered for sale at the meeting included the following:

A 4-coin elongated set rolled on a cent, nickel, dime and Maryland quarter commemorating the Space Shuttle flight with the 3 Baltimore astronauts Jones, Curbeam and Ivins.



A 6-coin elongated set issued by BANC (Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition) also rolled on a cent, nickel, dime and Maryland quarter, half dollar and Sacagawea dollar honoring the Ravens World Champions can be purchased for \$7 plus \$2 P & H. To refresh your memory, BANC is an coalition made up of three clubs which sponsor three coin shows annually at the Holiday Inn, Towson, MD. The clubs are MD TAMS, Baltimore Coin Club and Catonsville Coin Club. After expenses, show proceeds are distributed to the clubs to help support their numismatic activities.

To assist you in compiling your order, following is a brief summary of the elongated coin sets and the "Elongated Coins of Maryland" catalog available with the cost for each.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>P & H</u>
MSNA's ARCE show 4-coin set	\$3	\$1
Ravens Super Bowl Victory 7-coin set	\$10	\$2
Ravens Super Bowl victory 5-coin set	\$5	\$2
Space Shuttle 4-coin set	\$3	\$1
BANC Ravens World champions 6-coin set	\$7	\$2
"Elongated Coins of Maryland" catalog	\$10	\$3

Note: To save monies on postage & handling, all of the above will be available at our next **MD TAMS** meeting on **Saturday, December 1st, 2001** at the Suburban Washington/Baltimore Coin Show at the Baltimore Convention Center. Come to the meeting and join in on the fellowship and camaraderie with other token collectors! Looking forward to seeing you there!

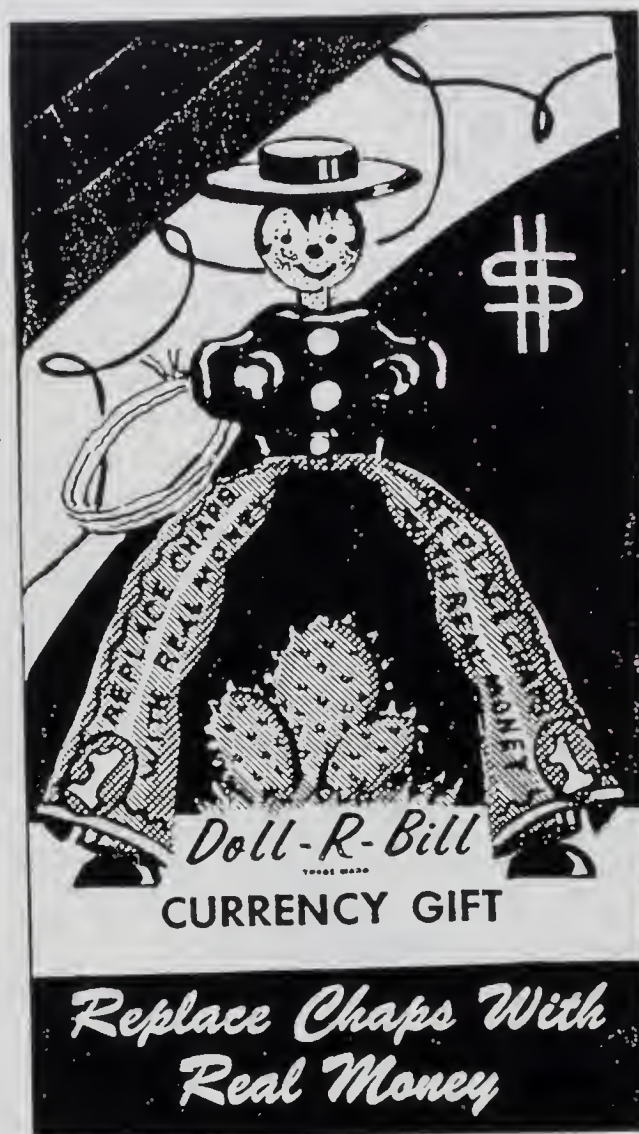


DOLL-R-BILL/CURRENCY GIFT by Jane Sears

While out on one of my many trips. I came across a very interesting box (see photo).

The outside of the box shows a very colorful cowboy. Doll-R-Bill Currency gift was created by Allison Studios, Inc. The package was manufactured by Colonial Toys in Wilmington, Illinois. On the side of the box it reads Doll-R-Bill 0 and Doll-R-Billie 0. Mine is marked on the Billie X which means it is a cowgirl. Inside is a hand decorated wooden doll with detachable wire legs that hold the folded play dollar. Written instructions in box reads: Straighten band to remove money replace with real currency to form bow legs. Triple fold currency around leg band with open flaps to outside pointing back.

A very nice looking bill that measures 6 3/8" x 2 3/4" features a cowboy in center, 1's in ovals on all 4 corners. Color is green on white and the reverse is blank.



The Captain Salem Avery House

By Millard W. Hajek



Perfect weather, a scenic drive down Southern Maryland, super camaraderie, and of course, our annual meeting at a historical site other than a meeting in concert with a coin show completed a great day. What a great way to spend an enjoyable Saturday afternoon. Sixteen members of **MD TAMS** including some significant others must have felt the same way as they journeyed to *The Captain Avery*

Salem House on the banks of the West River in Shady Side, Maryland. Initial arrangements were made by member Wally Stone who had attended a series of lectures offered by the Society. Normal meeting activities included a brief business meeting, some show-and-tell items and an auction and then the tour of the museum.

Our hostess for the day was June Hall, Chairman of the **Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, Inc.** who is responsible for the operation, renovation and maintenance of this waterman's museum. After our meeting Mrs. Hall gave the group an extremely informative guided tour of the museum which contained period furniture and antiques circa 1860's reflecting the lifestyle of that time. In appreciation for allowing us to meet and providing excellent meeting facilities, a check was presented to Mrs. Hall for the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society along with a copy of our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" book authored by David E. Schenkman.

MD TAMS members who might have suggestions for future meetings at museums or historical sites should forward their ideas to President Craig or any other **MD TAMS** officers.

At the meeting, members were also urged to prepare a "supplement" to accompany our **MD TAMS Journal**. The primary purpose of these supplements is to catalog and document other collectible exnumia from Maryland not normally in the main stream of collecting. Some supplements issued to date were Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Pennies, Municipal Trade Tokens of Maryland, Maryland Amusement Token Collector Association (MATCA) tokens, and Maryland Encased Coins. Current cataloging projects underway are Wooden Nickels, Food Stamp Tokens and Amusement Tokens. Surely you collect some type of exnumia that would make an excellent supplement. Some possible topics are Maryland Military Tokens, Maryland Mirrors and Calendar medals, Maryland Sports Exnumia, Maryland Parking & Car Wash Tokens, Maryland Coin Club Medals, just to mention a few ideas. See our President Ed Craig or Vice-President Mill Hajek if you need some help on your supplement project.



Thomas Johnson Maryland's First Governor

by W.Wallace Stone R 47

Thomas Johnson, Maryland's first elected State governor, was born on November 4, 1732 in Calvert County. He received his early education at home, as was the custom in that time. He studied law later in Annapolis, where his father placed him as a "student" in the office of the famous Annapolis attorney John Beale Bordley. At the age of 29, in 1761 he was elected to the Assembly, and his long career of public service had begun.

He was Anne Arundel County's representative in the lower house of the General Assembly in the year 1762. He served in that body for 13 years until 1774. Two years later he was an aid in the drafting of the rights of free men of the Province. That same year he was selected to the Continental Congress and served until 1777. During this time he was able to build a reputation and when the second Congress met in 1775, he nominated George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. During these years he moved back and forth between Philadelphia and Maryland many times but was not present in Philadelphia during the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence. He was instead in Annapolis on July 6, 1776, voting in favor of the adoption of the Declaration of the Delegates of Maryland which declared Maryland's separation from England. It was during this same month of July that he organized and led a regiment of soldiers who marched to Washington's Headquarters in New Jersey.

In the year 1776, plans were being made for the first State Constitution, he was defeated as a delegate from Anne Arundel County. He was later named in a special election to represent Caroline County.

In 1777, at the age of 45, he was elected governor and on March 21, 1777 was inaugurated for his one year term. During his first term he was concerned and occupied about defeating a Tory insurrection on the Eastern Shore, and combating an invasion of the State by Lord Howe. In his second term, he had to face disloyalty among the people while supplying Washington's Army. After several aborted attempts to retire from public life, he was too much in demand. He had to decline two invitations to represent Maryland in the Congress and he finally accepted a seat in the House of Delegates in 1780. He declined re-election and devoted his time aiding George Washington organize the "Potowmack" Company, to further navigation on the Potomac River. He again served in the House of Delegates during 1786 and 1787. He also was a delegate to the State Convention which ratified the Constitution. A busy period indeed!

He supported George Washington for the presidency, and at the same time rejected offers for another term as governor as well as that of Secretary of State. He did however accept a judgeship under then Governor Smallwood and later an appointment to the United States Supreme Court, which due to ill health was only a short stay.

Thomas Johnson died at the age of 87 at his daughters home, "Rose Hill", near Frederick, Maryland on October 26, 1819. He was buried in the family vault but was later moved to Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick.

The medal pictured below shows a profile of Thomas Johnson, facing left with the date of 1788 in exergue and a three line Latin phrase, "Scuto Bonae Voluntatis Tuae Coronasti Nos" (With the shield of thy goodwill thou has covered us) in the left field, and in large letters above his head the

words Thomas Johnson. The Reverse has

in equally large lettering, covering one half of the border, "State Of Maryland" under which is a likeness of the Maryland State House under the center of the building is a circle of seven stars. The medal has a reeded edge and is 38mm and appears to be of nickel or copper/nickel composition. The only marking on the medal is the small initials on the coat collar which read EY or YE. After considerable research it has not been determined as to the issuing mint or company who may have produced this keepsake of our first Governor. At one time in the early 1970's, the Colonial Coin Club of Annapolis, Md. had in their possession a large box containing nearly 505 pieces which were given to new members, used as door prizes and give-away's to encourage membership. None of the club's old timers can supply any information as to its origin. The same results have come from the Maryland Historical Society, Maryland State Numismatic Association, The gift shop at the Maryland State House. Further research will hopefully solve this question.



1777 - 1779



THREE ANNAPOLIS TOKENS

BY W. WALLACE STONE

R-47

Annapolis Md .the Capital of the State as well as a Colonial town with a rich past going back many years to the time George Washington resigned his commission in the State House to todays city, home of the United States Naval Academy, a busy summer tourist draw and of course many boating activities throughout the year. Other early Marylanders can easily be traced back to the early years of our country. The early silversmith John Chalmers and his shillings is one who easily comes to mind. These stories and others may be documented through the Maryland Hall of Records located in Annapolis. I have spent many hours here and can usually find some if not all , of particular information desired.

Enter now my quest for history on three Annapolis tokens, the Hall of Records just snorts at me when I walk in the lobby. Simply put.....zero, zilch. All threc token are attributed and listed in one or more token books however no information has been listed as to their time frame, what their business affiliation was or location within the city. The first is the CAMP PAROLE PACKING CO. is listed in the Maryland Merchant Tokens by David Schenkman under the heading of Parole, Anne Arundel County, as C 5-4 Brass ,22 MM. The reverse shows Not/ 4cts / Negotiable/. Parole has since been annexed into the city of Annapolis . An early 1918 telephone directory lists the firm with the phone number of 967W, but alas they did not record an address. There was a railroad line that ran through Parole and terminated in downtown Annapolis in the late 1880's. It is thought that the packing company was in operation by the depot, which would make a convenient location.

The second is also listed in Maryland Merchant Tokens , in Annapolis as W.T. Kershaw as K 5, Brass,20 MM W.T.Kershaw /Annapolis/Md..the reverse is 5 within a circle of rays no other information is recorded . The 1918 Annapolis phone book lists Mr.William T. Kershaw as living at 95 Cathedral Street, a check at the Anne Arundel Record Office finds that Mr Kershaw purchased this house on Sept.22 1908 for the sum of \$750.00 and remained there until selling the house on Sept 28, 1922. The house has been sold ten additional times the most recent was on June 5, 1998 by a group of Doctors who used the house as an office. This time the selling price was \$210,000. Even today the building looks well maintained and trim in a mixed residential and commercial section of downtown Annapolis. What Mr.Kershaw's occupation was has yet to be determined . The telephone directories after 1922 do not list him.

The third Annapolis token is one that I find no record of in Maryland listings. It is S.S.Coston, Aluminum, 21 MM one quart,Annapolis Md.on the obverse, reverse has 5 within a circle of rays. The other is similar but is 24 MM, and is one gallon with 20 within rays on its

reverse. This could have been a seafood or oyster packing company or possibly a fruit and vegetable canning company. There is a listing in one of the Russell Rulau token books as well as the David Schenkman Virginia token book for "Coston And Blades" located in Hampton, Virginia with a Rulau number of HMP 1. Possibly they had a branch office in Annapolis for a short time. Perhaps the tokens were made, but the move never materialized. One of our members of Maryland TAMS was kind enough to check the following listings for this firm, however nothing was found.

Bradstreet listings of 1883, 1893, 1909, 1914, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1923, and 1930

Polk Md. State Gazetteers of 1884, 1891-2, 1906-7.

Telephone directory of 1907.

Here we have three tokens attributed to Annapolis that were probably issued prior to World War I, and from the style of the Coston piece the time may be 1900. The style of this token is similar to a number of J.F.W. Dorman issues. Speculation and guess work at this time is all we have. It would indeed be nice to know the location of the Camp Parole Packing Company. This area is now a very large commercial district with new streets, new community names and new buildings completely changing the structure of a one time small, suburban town on the outskirts of Annapolis. Mr. Kershaw's house, has for a number of years been classified as "commercial property" by the Annapolis Zoning Department although its location is in a mixed neighborhood of older residential homes and established intown businesses. S.S. Coston? Some day we may find out more of this company, we hope so.



Two S.S. Coston tokens



The Kershaw House as attorney's office, April 2001



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During this project, I would like to say "Thanks" to Mill Hajek for his assistance in helping me update some of the files (he may have wrote them several years ago) and to Tom Palmer, *MSNA Vice President* for his help in testing and doing some final "tweaking" before sending it to the ANA. Last, but not least to Susie Nulty for posting it on the ANA web site. For those of you who are connected to the web, you may visit the MD Tams **URL** (Universal Remote Locator) at:

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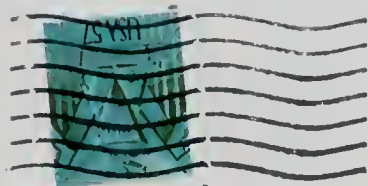
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